

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 14th October 2012

CQ WW DX SSB Contest

One of the bigger SSB contests of the year - the SSB leg of the CQ WW DX Contest - takes place over the weekend of 27th / 28th October. Olivier ON4EI/EI8GQB tells us that he will be participating in this contest from Tipperary using the call sign EI1A. During the contest he will be trying out a new 160 metre inverted-L antenna and hopes to operate for the duration of the contest using only renewable energy. More details of his plans are on the EI8GQB QRZ.COM page.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The 2012 IVETA National Vintage Show takes place on Sunday the 14th October in The Cavan Equestrian Centre in Cavan town. The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group has been invited to attend the event where we shall have a display of vintage amateur radio gear and old type radio's on display. We will also be running a live station from the event with the call EI2WRC/P. Because the day is of a vintage theme we will probably be using CW.

If any stations are active on Sunday and hear the EI2WRC/P please do give us a call and if there is any amateurs in the area and would like to call in and work the station you are very welcome to do so. More information can be got from Mark EI7IS on 087-6302026.

Talk on DXpedition to St. Kilda

At the South Dublin Radio Club QTH, on Tuesday last, Declan EI6FR gave a talk on his participation in the recent DXpedition to the island of St. Kilda, which is EU-059 for IOTA hunters. Declan was one of a group of 6 radio amateurs who spent 5 days on this remote island in the Outer Hebrides during May 2012. The island is now a World Heritage Site and is maintained by the National Trust for Scotland. In order to preserve the island's natural heritage, the radio operation was carefully corralled into one small area, with restrictions on power used and antenna types. Declan's presentation covered the logistical and technical aspects of the island activation as well as the fascinating history of the island, which supported a resident population up to the 1930s.

Sweden Loses 2.3GHz

Swedish radio amateurs have lost the 2300 MHz band although they have gained some spectrum at 1.8 MHz.

The Swedish Amateur Radio Society (SSA) has announced the loss of the 2300 MHz band with effect from October 1. 2400-2450 MHz is still allocated for amateur radio operation but the power there is limited to just 100 milliwatts at the antenna.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, EI7DAR

Radio Theory Classes will commence Monday 5th November at DAR Society premises 'Larkin House', 113, Castletown Road, Dundalk, for preparation to sit the radio theory exam early in 2013. Tuition places are strictly limited and intending candidates are encouraged to enrol at the earliest opportunity. Tuition will involve approximately 20 weeks class attendance and an investment of €100 is required. Open nights to find out more information and to enrol on the course will be held October 17th, October 31st and on November 5th, the start of the classes. All are welcome to enrol. More information from www.ei7dar.com or secretary at ei7dar dot com.

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A multi-national team will operate from 6 different islands in Papua New Guinea between 19 October and 14 November. Look for callsign P29VCX from IOTA OC-103, OC-135, OC-025 and OC-240. They will use P29NI from OC-099 and P29VPB from OC-069.

The Sable Island DXpedition has been rescheduled for 22 – 31 October. Callsigns will be WA4DAN/CY0 and AA4VK/CY0. The operators will focus on 15, 12 and 10m.

Nick G3RWF will be back in Uganda for 2 months starting 15 October. He will reactivate his 5X1NH call and operate CW only. QSLs go via his home call.

Prefix hunters will be interested to hear of the callsign 5D7AT which is QRV from Agadir, Morocco until 21 October. It can be found on all bands 80 – 10m in SSB. QSL Manager is ON4LO.

A group of Spanish operators will be active from Macao from 18 – 29 October. Calls to listen for are XX9TFR, XX9TPX, XX9TBM and XX9TEX. They will focus on North America and Europe. QSL Manager is EA7FTR.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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